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RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COURSES IN BULGARIA;  
NEW BULGARIAN-SOVIET SOCIETIES

According to Todor Genchev, secretary of the Central Council of the Union of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies, the union has organized 5,428 Russian courses attended by 106,550 students. During Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Month (15 September - 15 October 1952), 2,000 new members joined the union in Karlovo Okoliya, 1,070 in Ardino Okoliya, 780 in Oryakhovo Okoliya, and 300 in Godech Okoliya.

During 1951, only 20 new Russian courses were established in Plovdiv, while this year the city council of the Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Society in Plovdiv established 170 courses with 3,200 students. At present, there are over 230 such courses with over 4,500 students in Plovdiv.

Turgovishte, 24 October -- In Turnovtsa 35 students of Turkish origin are enrolled in two Russian courses. Russian courses for students of Greek origin are attended by 48 students from Dubrava, Bozhurka, and Draganovets. Eighteen students of Greek origin are attending Russian courses in Turgovishte. To improve the courses, the Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Society has sent Russian lessons on phonograph records to villages with minority groups.

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TWICE AS MANY RUSSIAN STUDENTS IN KOLAROVGRAD -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 29 Oct 52

Kolarovgrad, 28 October -- There are at present 312 Russian courses with 6,264 students in Kolarovgrad Okrug, which is twice as many students as in 1951.

RUSSIAN COURSES IN KHASKOVO -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 5 Nov 52

Khaskovo, 4 November -- By 23 October 1952, there were 329 Russian-language courses with 6,628 students in Khaskovo Okrug, or 121 more courses than in 1951.

The Turkish minority shows great interest in Russian. Students attending Russian courses from Rogozche and Mishevsko, Momchilgrad Okoliya, are predominantly of Turkish origin; 94 members of the Turkish minority in this okoliya are attending such courses. In Ardino Okoliya there are seven courses for students of Turkish origin and five courses for Bulgarian Mohammedans.

NEW COURSES IN SOFIA -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 22 Oct 52

In Sofia, up to the beginning of the school year, 986 Russian courses were established with 18,721 students. This year, there were 237 new courses and 5,713 new students in Sofia. The greatest number of courses was established in Stalin Rayon: 550 courses with 9,294 students.

In Plovdiv 1,000 students are attending Russian courses. [Note that this figure differs from that given in the first article in this report.]

A total of 95 Russian courses are being given in Gorna Orakhovitsa city and okoliya -- 60 courses in the city and 35 in the okoliya, with a total of 1,900 students.

In Stanke Dimitrov Okoliya, 31 courses with 500 students have been organized.

In Rus, there are 213 courses with 2,600 students. Over 2,000 farmers in the okoliya are attending courses.

In Burgas there are 109 courses with 2,295 students.

More than 1,400 students are studying Russian in Provadiya Okoliya.

In Velingrad, 16 courses with 320 students have been established.

PLAN EDUCATION FOR TURKS IN KURDZHALI OKOLIYA -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 23 Oct 52

People's soviets, Fatherland Front organizations, and the Kurdzhali reading room committee are taking serious steps to raise the cultural and educational level of the Turkish population in Kurdzhali Okoliya. Reading rooms have been established in the following villages with a concentrated Turkish population: Chernoochene, Gnyazdovo, Zhinzifovo, Visoka polyana, and Shiroko pole. Interest runs high among the Turkish population. In Zhinzifovo, Gnyazdovo, Shiroko pole, and Visoka polyana rooms suitable for reading rooms have been prepared by the people themselves.

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WORKERS STUDY RUSSIAN IN BLAGOEVGRAD OKRUG -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 30 Oct 52

Workers in Blagoevgrad Okrug will study Russian this year. Up to 26 October 52, more than 192 courses with 3,800 students had been organized.

NEW BULGARIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES FOUNDED -- Sofia, Bulgaro-Suvetsko Edinstvo, 20 Sep 52

New Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies have sprung up in: Avramovo, Bukovska polyana, Belov dol, Gorna spoluka, Dolna spoluka, Doyrantsi, Pesnopoy, Paspal, Stoyanovo, Yabulkovets, Lyaska, Menekshe, En'ovche, Krustatitsa, and Khadzhiievtsi, all in Ardino Okoliya; Kievtsi, Charkovo, Milkovtsi, Trapeskovtsi, Ryatskovtsi, Dumni'site, Petsevt'si, Sirmeni, and Nikolchevt'si, all in Gabrovo Okoliya; Mechovo, Bogomosko, Bulgaranovo, and Veselets, all in Omurtag Okoliya; Chavka, Vulkovich, Kabil'er, Zhutkovets, and Zhultuka, all in Momchilgrad Okoliya; Bozhak, Krushevska, Iglovrukh, Sevdalina, Chichantsi, and Gorna snezhanka, all in Kurdzhali Okoliya; Selishte and Pisanitsa in Smolyan Okoliya; and Xristova in Troyan Okoliya.

Sofia, Bulgaro-Suvetsko Edinstvo, 20 Oct 52

Additional Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies have been formed in the following places: Ganev dol, Bosevt'si, Popska, Byalkovtsi, Daveri, Gorni kray, Lazartsi, Svirchevo, Dedina, Maytantsi, Tombeto, Dukhlevt'si, Malko Dolyane, Chekantsi, Slunchevets, Makak, Pchelartsi, Vulchevt'si, and Baevtsi, all in Elena Okoliya; Treskovets, Velichka, Benkovets, and Glashatay, in Omurtag Okoliya; Dolno Selt'si in Ivaylovgrad Okoliya; Mechta in Smolyan Okoliya; Trepetlika and Seryats in Momchilgrad Okoliya; Khisar, Sindeltsi, Kozhukharts'i, and Oresheri, all in Krumovgrad Okoliya; Zhivkovo, Yatar II, and Ivanilite in Gabrovo Okoliya; Slaveykovtsi, Osmantsi, Golobred, Bistrogled, Diralo, Ravnil, and Tsir'sa, all in Ardino Okoliya; Tursino and Koyno in Kyustendil Okoliya; Aldomirovt'si and Osenovlak in Sofia Okoliya; Perdova, Nova, and Gorna Vasilitsa in Ikhtiman Okoliya; Stan'antsi in Preslav Okoliya; Nova cherna in Tutrakan Okoliya; Oselena in Teteven Okoliya; Debel dyal in Sevlievo Okoliya; Chesma and Temenuga in Gorna Oryakhovitsa Okoliya; Borovsko, Bogorov dol, Golyama Bara, Dedovsko, Karman'yak, Nebeska, Svadbare, Skalishte, Sredna Arda, Sredska, Kozhovtsi, and Yavorovo, all in Kurdzhali Okoliya; and Moskovets in Karlovo Okoliya. These 66 societies include altogether 1,941 members.

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